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Re: Transmittal of Draft Confidential Supplemental Site Inspection Report for Richardson Flat

Dear Mr/Graf:

Enclosed please find a copy of a draft Supplemental Site Inspection Report concerning the Richardson Flat hazardous waste site near Park City, Utah. This report describes sampling and related site inspection activities performed at the site a few months ago and presents the findings of those activities. These activities were performed and this report was prepared to support EPA efforts to respond to comments by the United Park City Mining Company (UPCM) on the nomination of the site to National Priorities List under the original Hazard Ranking System (HRS).

We are providing you with a copy of the draft report to help keep your staff apprised of the ongoing activities relating to the listing of the site. It would also help our efforts if your staff could review the report and provide us with written or verbal comments by November 6, 1989. We anticipate that there will be changes before the report is finalized, and we intend to work closely with your staff to keep them informed of our progress in responding to the comments.

We also ask that, pursuant to the confidentiality agreement between EPA and Utah, you treat the draft report as confidential at this time. Until the report is in final form and releasable to the public, we consider the information contained therein to be predecisional and not available outside the agency or the state. Please note that we have an agreement with UPCM that they will have a certain time period to submit additional comments once they receive the final version of the report. We do not plan to send them a copy of the draft.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tom Burns of my staff at the above address or at 303/293-1817.

Sincerely,

David A. Schaller, Chief Site Evaluation Section

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Enclosures: Draft Supplemental Site Inspection Report for Richardson Flat (Confidential)